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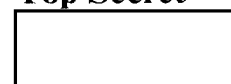


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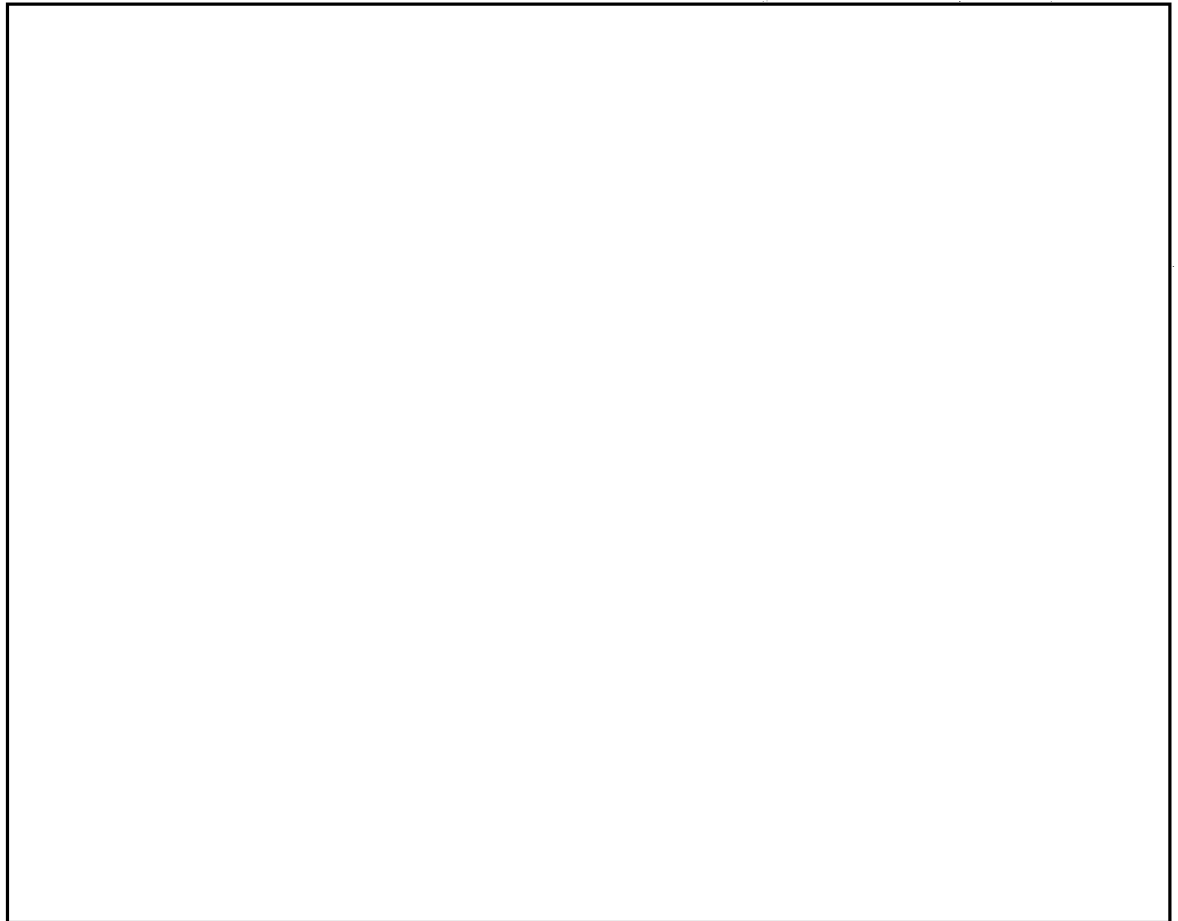
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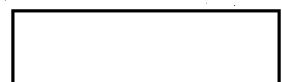
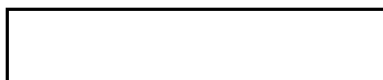


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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

International Oil

Citing "anxiety with regard to oil supplies, especially in the light of events in Iran" as the reason, OPEC Secretary General Ortiz yesterday announced that oil ministers of the member-states will meet in Geneva on 26 March.

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NATO-Iran

The US mission at NATO headquarters yesterday filed a lengthy report regarding talks on Iran Tuesday among chief delegates. The French representative did not attend. Secretary General Luns told the US representative that a number of the delegates had urged him, prior to the session, to relate events in Iran to the US' handling of the situation. Several representatives implied such criticism during the meeting. The discussion revealed general uncertainty and gloom. The delegates agreed that every effort should be made to work with the Khomeini-Bazargan regime, since any alternative very likely would be worse for the West. They also agreed that the West faces a permanent, sharp decline in oil supplies from Iran and a probable rise in world oil prices. [REDACTED]

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Egypt-Zaire

According to Cairo press reports, Egyptian Chief of Staff Badawi left Egypt yesterday for a one-week visit to Zaire. Badawi is carrying a message from President Sadat to Zairian President Mobutu. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: *Egypt has been providing limited military aid to Zaire for some time, and Zairian military leaders undoubtedly will ask Badawi for more.* [REDACTED]

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South Africa

The US Embassy in Pretoria, comparing the public remarks of Economic Affairs Minister Heunis on 12 February and last Sunday, yesterday commented that South Africa's oil supply position may have worsened within a period of days. Heunis last Sunday reiterated the government's aversion to rationing but asserted that South Africa is now having to pay 75 to 80 percent above world market prices for oil. He also announced that additional legislation would be introduced to restrict information concerning oil supplies. [REDACTED]

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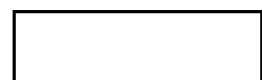


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Finland-USSR

Helsinki radio last night reported that the USSR is cutting by one-third its natural gas deliveries to Finland for the remainder of the month. The station's correspondent in Moscow cited the worst winter of the century and "a temporary suspension" of natural gas deliveries from Iran to the USSR as the reasons for the cutback. 

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